

House Resolution 370

By: Representatives Reese of the 98th, Heard of the 104th, Coan of the 101st, Mumford of the 95th, Miller of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending J. Alvin Wilbanks, Gwinnett County Public Schools
2 CEO/Superintendent, and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks has been named Georgia
5 Superintendent of the Year and was one of only four finalists for National Superintendent of
6 the Year in 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County's school system is the largest system in Georgia and one of
8 the 20 largest and fastest growing systems in the nation with an enrollment topping 136,000
9 students, approximately 6,500 more students than the previous year, and 18 new schools built
10 in the past two years; and

11 WHEREAS, under the excellent leadership of CEO/Superintendent Wilbanks, Gwinnett
12 County public schools have earned an enviable reputation for providing a high quality
13 education to its diverse and dynamic student population; and

14 WHEREAS, his vision and expert guidance helped to implement an accountability model for
15 Gwinnett County schools and system departments well before the mandates of No Child Left
16 Behind (NCLB) and Georgia's A+ Education Reform Law; and

17 WHEREAS, he was selected to serve on former Governor Barnes's influential Education
18 Reform Study Commission and Governor Perdue's Education Finance Task Force and was
19 the only school system superintendent to serve on the negotiated rulemaking committee on
20 Title I standards and accountability under NCLB; and

21 WHEREAS, by concentrating on improving student achievement, communication, and
22 operational issues, this veteran educator of 40 years is helping Gwinnett County schools to

1 meet 21st century challenges while continuing to serve as an example of effectiveness and
2 efficiency throughout Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize and commend Gwinnett County Public Schools
5 CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, Georgia's Superintendent of the Year and a finalist
6 for 2005 National Superintendent of the Year, for his outstanding and invaluable
7 contributions to public education.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. J. Alvin Wilbanks, Gwinnett County Public Schools
9 CEO/Superintendent, is invited to the House of Representatives for the purposes of being
10 recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and
11 time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.